



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Administration on Children, Youth and Families

Family and Youth Services Bureau

March 4, 2004

Dear Tribal colleague:

We are writing this letter to inform you of an **exciting new grant funding opportunity** through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) located within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), received funding for the first time in FY 2003 for a new grant program to benefit children and families – **“Mentoring Children of Prisoners” (MCP)**. Through this program, FYSB awards grants to community organizations, Indian Tribes and Tribal consortia that provide adult mentors to children of incarcerated parents. In its first year, the program was funded at just under \$10 million, and **this year Congress boosted the funding level to \$50 million.**

The notice of availability of funds for this program was published in the Federal Register on February 23, 2004. Applications must be postmarked by April 23, 2004 in order to be reviewed in the MCP competition. **This fiscal year, 5% of these funds have been dedicated to Tribal programs**, and we are excited to inform you of the following technical assistance workshops (provided at no charge) to be conducted over the next few weeks.

March 8	Kansas City, MO
March 9	Jacksonville, FL
March 9	Toledo, OH
March 15	Albuquerque, NM (Tribal-specific)
March 23	Aberdeen, SD (Tribal-specific)

NOTE: Although two of the workshops are Tribal-specific, Tribal representatives may attend any of the above sessions. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to attend a technical assistance workshop in your area. **If you are interested in downloading the program announcement and application materials**, please visit our website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/ Please contact our Technical Assistance provider for details/locations (see below) if you are unable to attend the workshops; they are prepared to discuss with you other types of services that may be available in the area of application development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING AN APPLICATION AND/OR TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP, PLEASE CONTACT: Susan Spagnuolo, Mid Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services (MANY) at 412.366.6562 or susan@manynet.org

Sincerely,

/s/

Harry Wilson
Associate Commissioner
Family and Youth Services Bureau



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FYSB is currently soliciting for applications to carry out the mentoring activities described in the program announcement. The Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services (MANY) will provide technical assistance to interested parties about the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program and grant opportunity through workshops. You must register for the workshops in advance through the contact listed below.

Workshop meeting places and times

March 8, 2004 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Westin Crown Center 1 Pershing Road Kansas City, MO 64108
March 9, 2004 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Hilton Jacksonville 1201 Riverplace Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32207
March 9, 2004 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Radisson Hotel Toledo 101 North Summit Street Toledo, Ohio 43604
March 10, 2004 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Positively Oak Cliff 3107 West Camp Wisdom Road Suite 980 Dallas, TX 75237
March 10, 2004 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	NJ Department of Corrections, Central Office Stuyvesant Ave. & Whittlesey Road Trenton, New Jersey 08625
March 15, 2004 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Cultural Learning Center and Museum 9169 Coors Blvd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120 Tribal Specific
March 23, 2004 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Aberdeen Ramada Inn and Convention Center 2727 6 th Avenue, SE Aberdeen, SD 57401-5401 Tribal Specific

Interested parties should contact Susan Spanguolo; MANY; 135 Cumberland Road; Suite 201 Pittsburgh, PA 15237; 412-366-6562; 412-366-5407 fax; susan@manynet.org to register for the meeting.



WORKSHOPS FOR THE PREPARATION OF

2004 MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth & Family (MANY) will present workshops on preparing applications for the 2004 Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program announcement. The workshops will be held in 5 locations from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm with a break for lunch on your own*. There is no cost to attend, however, those planning to attend are asked to register before the training as space is limited. Registration will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, simply complete the form below and email back to MANY. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting, please provide information regarding your requirements at the time of registration. **You will receive an email confirmation for the workshop or a notice stating that we are unable to accommodate you. If you register and don't receive an acknowledgement from MANY, please call us at 412.366.6562.**

2004 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE / All workshops are from 9:30 am-4:00 pm

One workshop selection only please---Limited registration
Fill in your name and information and reply to sally@manynet.org

Date/City	Mark "X"	Meeting Location
March 8th Kansas City, MO		Westin Crown Center 1 Pershing Road Kansas City, MO 64108 Meeting Room: Pershing Place West
March 9th Jacksonville, FL		Hilton Jacksonville 1201 Riverplace Blvd. Jacksonville, Florida 32207 Meeting Room: St. Johns
March 9 th Toledo, OH		Radisson Hotel Toledo 101 North Summit Street Toledo, Ohio 43604 Meeting Room: Ballroom 1
March 10th Dallas, TX		Positively Oak Cliff 3107 West Camp Wisdom Road Suite 980 Dallas, TX 75237
March 10 th Trenton, NJ		NJ Department of Corrections, Central Office Stuyvesant Ave. & Whittlesey Road Trenton, New Jersey 08625 *A box lunch will be provided courtesy of the NJ Office of Faith Based Initiatives.

Registration questions please contact sally@manynet.org

MCP Program questions please contact Susan Spagnuolo; susan@manynet.org

REGISTRATION FORM

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2004 MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth & Family (MANY) will present two workshops on preparing applications for the 2004 Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program announcement specifically for Tribes and Territories. Details for the workshops are listed below. An additional 5 locations are listed for the week of March 8th, however, these are for a general audience and are not tribal specific. There is no cost to attend, however, those planning to attend are asked to register before the training as space is limited. Registration will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, simply complete the form below and email back to MANY at the email address given. If you are unable to email, you can fax your registration to 412-366-5407. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting, please provide information regarding your requirements at the time of registration. **You will receive an email confirmation for the workshop or a notice stating that we are unable to accommodate you. If you register and don't receive an acknowledgement from MANY, please call us at 412.366.6562.**

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